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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FORM PTO-1390 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER (REV. 7-2005) P/3240-113 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) **CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 2 December 2003 PCT/EP2004/012711 **10 November 2004** TITLE OF INVENTION SEQUENCE CASTING PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A HIGH-PURITY CAST METAL STRAND APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gerald HOHENBICHLER et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [ ] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [ ] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. [ ] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [ ] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. [X] An Unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [ ] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [ ] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [X] A preliminary amendment. 14. [ ] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. [ ] A substitute specification. 16. [ ] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. [ ] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). **EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee (mail label #EV606196695US) in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223131450, on June 2, 2006: June 2, 2006 Cheryl Desvignes Date of Signature

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